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A Sigma Delta Tau sister marathon munches on the candy that "melts in your mouth and not in your hands" Tuesday night at Wolensky's Restaurant.

M&M mania!!!

Sorority stuffs sweets in anti-abuse eat-athon

by Vicki Mele
Hatchet Staff Writer

The sisters of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority cast aside all thought toward moderation Tuesday and donated their diets, complexions, and blood sugar levels, gobbled up hundreds of M&M's, and earned pledges of nearly \$4,000 for the National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Wolensky's, at 2000 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, was host to SDT's second annual 'M&M-athon Party,' a munch-out marathon where contestants obtain pledges for each M&M they can eat in two minutes. Forty SDT sisters and 10 additional contestants consumed a total of 25 pounds of M&M's, donated by M&M Mars Inc.

Though Tuesday's average of about 90 M&M's per person may not seem like much, M&M-athon rules specify that only one M&M is to be eaten at a time. 'Beaverling,' or storing within one's cheek, was allowed at Tuesday's event however, and those not practiced in the art of 'beaverling' were at an obvious disadvantage.

Caryn Berla, an SDT sister and winner of the first round of 5 contestants, 'beavered' 112 M&M's. "I feel fine," she said, "I could have

eaten more."

According to Amy Mitchell, president of GW's SDT chapter, Berla's enthusiasm was not altogether shared by last year's M&M-athon contestants. Last year, the time limit was three minutes, one minute more than the this year's time limit. "People were seriously getting sick," Mitchell said. "That last minute was really pushing it."

Even with only two minutes, outside contestant Chris McCormac, from the Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity at Catholic University, consumed 186 M&M's and set a new record for the annual contest. Bethany D'Amico, an SDT sister and last year's record holder at 196 M&M's in three minutes remarked, "Well, he's a guy." This year's SDT winner was Cathy Korman who wolfed down 140 of the candies.

Pledge collection rules also were changed for this year's M&M-athon, holding each participant responsible for the value of their M&M consumption. Though \$4,000 was pledged by last year's contestants, only \$2,500 was collected. Lisa Saltzman, director of this year's event, hopes the new rules will cause all who participated to collect their pledges.

Spring party dates set; site uncertain

Quad 'probably not' ready for bash

by Sue Sutter
News Editor

Spring Fling has finally found a date, but its home is questionable.

Vice President for Student Affairs William P. Smith Tuesday approved a proposal for Spring Fling to be held on Saturday, April 11, Greek Weekend to be held on Saturday, April 4, and the Thurston Block Party to be held on Saturday, April 25.

However, Smith said he spoke with GW Assistant Treasurer of Facilities Robert E. Dickman Wednesday morning, who told him the newly renovated quad would "probably not" be usable for any of the spring functions.

Based on this assumption, GW will apply for several street closing permits, Smith said. He added that most Greek Weekend activities will take place on the 2000 block of G Street, NW, except the tug-of-war which will be held on the Monroe Hall courtyard. Spring Fling will also be on G Street,

and the Thurston Block party will be on the 1900 block of F Street, NW, Smith said. He said no problems are expected in getting approval of the permits.

The approved proposal is identical to the proposal drawn up two weeks ago by an ad hoc committee of student leaders and Student Activities Office administrators. A new proposal became necessary after the Student Bar Association (SBA) refused the Program Board's request to hold the annual event on April 25 on the quad. The SBA said it would interrupt the first of four reading days for the National Law Center.

Representatives from all the parties involved were on the ad hoc committee: PB Chairman Jeff Goldstein, Residence Hall Association President Craig Fisher, GW Student Association President Adam Freedman, Executive Vice President Scott Sherman, PB Parties Chairman Kristen

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SEAS features latest in computer graphics

by Rich Katz
Executive Editor

Third in a series

Engineering student Sunil Mukerjee has been a graduate student at GW for only eight months, but in his short stint he has seen several additions to the School of Engineering and

they've brought in a bunch of MacIntosh," he says. "GW has moved into the forefront of computer designing."

Mukerjee, also a teaching assistant in SEAS, is excited about the school's latest major technological addition, the Computer Aided Design/Computer Aided Manufacture (CAD/CAM). For a little more than two years, SEAS has had CAD/CAM workstations available for undergraduate and graduate use. The IBM design graphics terminals allow students to create images for bridge designs, machines and mechanical parts, with mobilization of the

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GW ON-LINE

Applied Sciences (SEAS) computer facility on the fourth floor of Tompkins Hall.

"So far, they've added six or seven SUN workstations, all the IBM personal computers, and

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Geraldo gets another chance

Boston (AP)—Hollywood is teaming up with French scientists and a Texas oil man to gather artifacts from the Titanic and open three safes on live television despite a plea from the wreck's finders to preserve it as a deep sea tomb.

"It's a great adventure," said John Joslyn, President of Westgate Group, which plans to broadcast the expedition this summer from 12,000 feet down, "except we're doing it for real."

Westgate produced last year's syndicated show, with Geraldo Rivera as host in which the purported vaults of gangster Al Capone were opened on live TV only to contain two empty bottles and an old sign.

The Titanic expedition, detailed last week, prompted skepticism from historians and raised technical concerns and questions about legal rights to the wreck.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, which helped find the wreck in 1985 and examined it with a camera-toting robot last year without taking any artifacts from the liner, has also objected.

"We feel the Titanic is the resting site for the people who perished, and it's our desire to see it left untouched," Woods Hole spokeswoman Anne Rabushka said. More than 1,500 people died in the sinking of the Titanic in 1912.

The project calls for a miniature submarine to scoop up plates, wine bottles and other items from the ocean floor in 10 dives, said Jack Grimm, founder of Grimm Oil Co. of Abilene,

Texas, and backer of the \$3 million expedition.

"There's such worldwide interest, it would be a mistake to leave these art objects and these artifacts on the ocean floor because they eventually will be covered with silt and lost," Grimm said last week.

Three safes also will be opened in hopes of finding riches tucked away by some of the tycoons who went down with the luxury ocean liner when it struck an iceberg and sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage, Grimm said.

More protests in Forsyth County

Atlanta (AP)—Five whites today pleaded innocent to charges stemming from an attack on Forsyth County civil rights marchers, while black leaders demanded that charges be dropped against black pickets arrested earlier this week.

Seven whites were indicted Monday by a grand jury in Forsyth County, which has no black residents, on charges ranging from misdemeanor trespassing to felony charges of obstructing or impersonating a law officer.

One of them, 21-year-old Thomas James Gaydon of Cumming, failed to appear for arraignment today and a bench warrant was issued, said Marilyn Maxwell, spokeswoman for District Attorney Rafe Banks III.

Junior Reese Staton, 56, of Cumming, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass, Ms. Maxwell said.

The seven were arrested in

Cumming during a Jan. 17 "Brotherhood March" in which about 75 civil rights marchers were pelted with rocks, bottles and mud. One week later, 25,000 marchers returned, protected by nearly 3,000 officers.

The Rev. Hosea Williams, an Atlanta city councilman who helped lead both marches, was among eight blacks arrested Monday outside a Forsyth County restaurant where the "The Oprah Winfrey Show" was being broadcast.

They were protesting the Chicago-based TV talk show hostess' decision to exclude blacks from her program on Forsyth County residents' reaction to the civil rights controversy that has focused world attention on their community.

Booked for unlawful assembly, a misdemeanor, four of the pickets were released on bond later Monday, but Williams and three others initially refused release on their own recognizance and finally left jail around midnight Monday.

Williams, Coretta Scott King and Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Joseph Lowery on Tuesday threatened further protests in Forsyth County unless the charges against the blacks were dropped.

They also demanded to appoint all six blacks on the 12-member biracial panel being formed to ease racial tensions in Forsyth County, and said they would present those demands today to Gov. Joe Frank Harris and Forsyth County officials.

Forsyth County has had virtually no black residents since 1912, when white vigilantes, enraged by the rape and murder of a white woman blamed on three black

men, drove about 1,000 blacks from the county.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia also called Tuesday for Harris to use his influence to have charges dropped against Williams.

Chuck and Di get a bit of a scare

London (AP)—A masked man armed with a hammer and a knife tried to break into Kensington Palace earlier today, Scotland yard said on Wednesday. Prince Charles and Princess Diana and a host of other British royals were in residence at the time.

The would-be intruder attacked and injured two policemen but was disarmed after a struggle and arrested, Scotland yard said.

The 17th century palace on the western edge of Kensington Gardens serves as the London home of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children. It is also home to Princess Margaret, the duke and duchess of Gloucester and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent.

Buckingham Palace said all the royals were in Kensington Palace at the time of the attempted break-in except for Princess Margaret, the sister of Queen Elizabeth II, who is vacationing on the Caribbean island of Mustique.

Charles and Diana flew to Portugal later in the day for an official visit.

Asked if the palace had any comment on the incident, press spokesman John Haslam said Scotland Yard had issued a full

statement. "We can only point out that the intruder did not manage to get into the secure area of Kensington Palace," he said.

Scotland yard said the man, wearing a black ski mask, was spotted by patrolman Mark Moraziec of the Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Unit "in the gloom close to a garden wall" around the palace at about 1 a.m.

Moraziec challenged the man, who threatened him with a large hammer and then started walking away quickly, police said.

Moraziec called for assistance while chasing the man, and within seconds he and policeman Christopher Durward-Akhurst tackled the intruder.

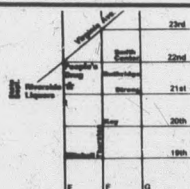
"A violent struggle took place in which both officers were hit on the head with a hammer," Scotland Yard said. "Having disarmed him of the hammer, the man produced a bowie knife and another fierce struggle ensued in which both officers were further injured."

The man was overpowered, handcuffed and taken to Kensington Police Station.

Scotland Yard said he was being questioned about attempted burglary, assaulting and injuring both officers and possessing implements for burglary.

Annoying trivia answers

1. Arrowhead Stadium.
2. On the moon.
3. J.R. Jones was played by Mark Shera.
4. The Knack
5. Cubic Zircon



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Meet the GWUSA presidential candidates

Mahoney seeking more communication

Sue Sutter
News Editor

"My main qualification is that I've stood in many shoes."

These are the words of one Al Mahoney, GW Student Association presidential hopeful and a man who, despite a less than high profile in campus politics, truly believes he is "the best person for the job."

Mahoney is a junior majoring in Political Science and interested in studying foreign policy-making. The primary theme of his campaign is one word: Communication.

He has experienced life as a resident and a commuter, and he says, "There seems to be a gap between the two that has to be closed." He wants to improve communication between commuter students and GWUSA, to encourage them to take part in GWUSA activities and to "keep them in mind in all decision-making."

But it is all students, not merely commuters, that Mahoney wants to improve the Student Association link with. If elected, Mahoney says he would like to start a GWUSA newsletter, weekly if possible, telling all graduates and undergrads about



Alex Mahoney

the Student Association's accomplishments and events.

And as long as WRGW is on the air, Mahoney says he will hark back to the days of Franklin D. Roosevelt and deliver "fireside chats" to the University community. "I think radio is a very potentially powerful medium."

It is also through this campaign theme of communication that Mahoney intends to make himself visible. Perhaps the least well-known of the four candidates, Mahoney will attempt to remedy this identity problem (which he says all new candidates must face) by appearing at various candidates' forums. "I'm going to attempt to talk to as many people as possible," he says. "I'm just going to try and get my name as well-known as possible."

Mahoney has participated in the Student Escort Service, worked at WRGW and other Program Board events and was once a member of the Thurston Hall Council. He says he thought about running for the presidency last year but decided late last semester to do it. He will be a senior next year, so "this was basically my one last chance to make a significant difference," he says.

He sees incumbent GWUSA President Adam Freedman as his biggest challenger in the race. He says Freedman has strong interests of his own and Mahoney would be more representative of the entire University. He sees his other two challengers, engineering student Sunil Bharagava and law student Bill Koch, as also representing "narrowly defined interests" within their respective fields.

Koch looks to serve grads and undergrads

by Sue Sutter
News Editor

Bill Koch is a second-year law student at the National Law Center. He is also a GW Student Association presidential candidate, and his status as a graduate student has brought up new issues in the often ho-hum presidential election politics.



Bill Koch

know that there is an open forum to voice their opinions."

"I'm hoping I just don't come across as a graduate student. Undergraduates are very important to me," says the man who attended Duke University in his undergraduate days and graduated with degrees in Civil and Environmental Engineering and Public Policy Studies. He is Vice President of the Student Bar Association at the law school and served on residence hall councils and the engineering school student government at Duke. He believes his experience as both an undergraduate and law student will give him a "new approach to dealing with things."

"There are many ways around a problem, and the president of the Student Association needs to find a way around the problems."

He has several initiatives that, if elected, he would like to see enacted. He says there is "no excuse" for the lack of academic evaluations in Columbian College and thinks a student review, similar to those conducted in the law school, could be done easily and cheaply by GWUSA.

His pet project is what he calls an "open mike on the quad," whereby an issue of the week would be debated, and all students would be invited to listen to a speaker on the subject and voice their own thoughts. "It sounds very 60s-ish, but it lets people

He has consistently questioned incumbent GWUSA President Adam Freedman's role in guiding the Student Association and thinks it is to his own advantage that Freedman is running on his past record. Koch tends to think that the race will ultimately come down to a duel between himself and Freedman. He thinks candidate Sunil Bharagava will draw much of the international student vote, and, of Alex Mahoney he says, "The people he draws will come from the undergraduate pool and hurt Adam's chances."

This is not a "graduate revolution," and we're not going to "screw the undergrads," he emphasizes, stressing how the law school effectively communicated with a levels of the University this past year. The Spring Fling controversy, he says, however, was a breakdown in communication, and it was wrong of the University to give the SBA the power to veto the party location in the first place.

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Editorials

JEC's bad idea

—And again we are reminded that the road to bad ideas is paved with good intentions.

The Joint Elections Committee, hoping to forestall campaigning for the student elections until next Tuesday, has told the candidates they will be fined if word of any endorsements made it to these pages. They reasoned that if an organization such as the College Republicans, College Democrats or the Black People's Union were to leak their choices to the media (us, since we're the only campus paper publishing before the 17th), it would constitute an unfair advantage for the favored candidates.

Maybe we're missing something, but why would it be just to fine the candidates for an action The GW Hatchet and a student organization are responsible for? It isn't a good idea, and the JEC's desire to limit the campaigning by silencing endorsements doesn't impress us either.

Announcing endorsements isn't campaigning, it's freedom of expression, and penalizing candidates for actions beyond their control is ridiculous.

The news isn't something that can be alternately defined as "campaigning" or "an unfair advantage." The news is, among other definitions, the facts that inform the public and allow it to make a more educated choice in an election. The endorsements story on page 16 will, we hope, give the rest of the GW community a hint at what some of the student interest groups are looking for in a candidate.

The JEC's decision to enforce this rule is unfortunate, and if any fines are levied against candidates, we urge they be contested. The freedom to inform the public is more important than the JEC's questionable definition of what constitutes "campaigning."

Tremor in the force

If there is any doubt the Reagan administration's foreign policy is in disarray, one only needs to look at the Administration's "Star Wars" policy. In the last two weeks alone, a veritable cornucopia of contradictions has flowed out of the Executive Branch.

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said last week the Reagan administration was close to announcing "deployment decisions" about an early deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative. Meanwhile, Secretary of State George Shultz said on Sunday a decision on an early deployment of the SDI system can not be made until at least 1989. Then the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff came along and testified that the entire SDI project was still only a "research program." It's clear to us that communication between the White House, the State Department, and the Defense Department isn't in a healthy state.

And yet, without constant communication between all these foreign policy/national security actors, the United States can not formulate and present a unified and vigorous foreign policy to America's allies and enemies.

Besides being completely wrong on the SDI early deployment issue, the Administration is risking further backlash by considering a reinterpretation the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM). This "proposed" move towards a broader interpretation of the treaty would only cripple America's already-damaged foreign policy.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate, when presented with the ABM Treaty, was told the U.S. accepted a "narrow" interpretation of the treaty. It was on that assumption the Senate approved the treaty. Now, Reagan seeks a broader interpretation. He's bringing to the domestic policy front what he can not get right in foreign policy. If it was disarray before, chaos will reign from this day forth.

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The Delt's statement

The Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta apologizes to anyone offended by publicity for the party to be held tonight, February 7. Delta Tau Delta did not intend to upset any group on the basis of race.

The intention of this party was solely for the purpose of social entertainment for the George Washington University student body. Delta Tau Delta did not vote to approve any publicity for this social event and was not aware of any statements printed prior to

their release. All statements were made with no derogatory intentions and were not meant to be offensive. Officers of Delta Tau Delta, after meeting with members of the BPU became aware of the seriousness of the situation, and made the decision to cancel the party. We deeply regret our lack of foresight in handling this serious issue. The brotherhood of Delta Tau Delta strongly supports the goals of the BPU and approves of their stand on this issue.

The BPU's statement

We, the students of George Washington University, would like to voice our outrage concerning a flier distributed by Delta Tau Delta fraternity making a mockery of Black History Month. We feel that this kind of insensitivity promotes and provokes racist attitudes and actions in this country. We feel we must take a stand wherever racism rears its ugly head, especially on our campus.

Letters to the editor

Ashamed

The Deltas have done it again. Last year, the big "JAP-Busters" party occurred, and there were a lot of unhappy, so-called JAPs around campus. But nothing really ever came of it. So the Deltas figured they should try again, only this time every minority should share in the ritual. The flier for their "Blowout" advertised that the party was in honor of White History Week, and the flier also asked the extremely difficult question, "Did you know that George Washington was a white man?" There aren't that many minority students at GW, but being one of them, I was deeply affected by the flier.

Knowing a few of the Delt brothers, I was startled to learn what had happened. What did not surprise me though, was the excuse given for such blatant racial sarcasm. "It was a mistake, ... we didn't know it would cause such an uproar." Then again, what else could they say? I was very glad to see blacks, whites and Indians protesting Saturday night, and it's good to know that people still care enough about these issues to take a stand. Deltas, you should be ashamed of yourselves. What would mom and dad think? But then again, prejudice does stem from the home, now doesn't it?

—Craig W. Wilson

A different view

Isn't it ironic that the president of GW's Black Peoples' Union (BPU) should demand an apology from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity for issuing fliers promoting a "White History Week" party? If the objective of this so-called progressive organization (BPU) is to abate racism, then I suggest they disband immediately. How can racism be expected to diminish when the very organizations designed to do away with it insist on labeling themselves? It's true that black history has been neglected and should be promoted. It's a shame, however, that it needs to be labeled as such. Until we learn to recognize individuals as individuals and not members of a collective race, the same problems encountered by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and BPU will repeatedly arise.

—Kevin H. McKinney

Disgust

I would like to express my disgust toward the Delta Tau Delta house for their abhorrent use of the slogan "White History Week" to promote their party planned for last Saturday night. Whether intentional or merely thoughtless, the tasteless and highly insensitive fliers reveal a disturbing lack of understanding of blacks on the part of some GW students. We observed Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday less than a month ago, but evidently, some did not pay heed to the celebration of the black movement as a reflection of the equality of all mankind. For some, the holiday was nothing more than a day free from classes. When will we learn that we are, white or black, united in brotherhood?

—Alice Lewin

Not a Tambo fan

In your stories about Oliver Tambo and the African National Congress, (The GW Hatchet, Jan. 29), you failed to mention several arguments which lend significant credibility to the case against Tambo and the ANC as presented at the demonstration against Tambo's meeting with Schultz at the State Department (which by the way, The GW Hatchet neglected to cover at all, even though there were GW students participating). I would like to address some of these points.

First of all, you confer upon Oliver Tambo a legitimacy he does not deserve. While solid figures are unobtainable, the membership of the ANC hovers somewhere between 10 and 12 thousand members with an additional 10 to 20 thousand sympathizers. In no way can this compare to the more than four million Zulus represented by Chief Buthelezi or the black Christians led by churchmen other than Bishop Desmond Tutu. To say or to imply that Oliver Tambo represents black South Africa clearly misrepresents and ignores the facts.

As to Tambo's insistence that the ANC is free from domination by the Soviet-backed communist element, the facts again intervene. Joe Slovo, Chairman of the South African Communist Party (SACP), sits on the Executive Committee of the ANC and also serves as their Chief Military

Strategist. Even the State Department recognizes, in a recent report, that nearly one-half of the Executive Committee of the ANC is communist. If membership in the Communist Party doesn't define a person as a communist, perhaps Tambo's comment to a January 27 audience at Georgetown University that "in American terms, I guess you would call me a communist," does.

Furthermore, while you make reference to the ANC's use of violence, you fail to describe it in detail. Aside from the usual forms of violence, the ANC also makes use of the practice of necklacing.

Necklacing is when a black, found guilty without trial by the ANC, and under the vague and all encompassing charge of "government collaboration" is bound, paraded through the streets and then has a gasoline-soaked tire placed around his neck. The tire is set afire, and the victim burns to death while the ANC guerrillas chant "Oli-ver Tam-bo, Oli-ver Tam-bo!" Such is the basis for Winnie Mandela's statement that "with our necklaces and our boxes of matches we will liberate the world."

I am just as interested in a peaceful solution to the problem in South Africa, as anyone else is. I too want to see a multi-racial, federated system of government exist and flourish in South Africa and I want to see South Africa evolve into a nation where men are judged by the content of their character and not the color of their skin. I abhor apartheid. But giving assistance to Oliver Tambo and recognizing the ANC as a legitimate force for change in South Africa will not bring these things about. Oliver Tambo is a murderer who intends no good for South Africa or its people.

—Peter Roff

Self-servers

I've taken some heat lately for describing the Student Bar Association's veto of an April 25th Spring Fling as "weaselly." Well, I wanted an epithet that was distasteful, but fit to print in a family newspaper. That it caught some eyes convinces me that my word choice was right, but for those whose tender sensibilities were bruised, let me offer two substitutes for "weasel."

1. Dupe: There are two fun-
(See LETTERS, p.8)

A Question of Racism

Delta Tau Delta's expensive but invaluable lesson

I feel a need to reply to articles printed in the February 9 issue of The GW Hatchet out of responsibility to the students of GW and to the brothers of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

We, the brothers of Delta Tau Delta, are not a racist organization and did not plan a racist party for February 7. Delta Tau Delta did not vote to approve any advertisements for our party or approve of any statements printed for publicity of the event. As stated in the Hatchet, members of our organization met before the incident with protest leader Jerlys Thompson and other members of the Black Peoples' Union (BPU), along with Vice President Smith, Dean Hanson, Rev. Bill Crawford and Keith Robbins, Greek Affairs Coordinator. In a very polite and organized manner, the BPU allowed us to defend their charges of racism and voiced their disapproval towards our original attitude and goals. I have the utmost respect for Jerlys and her associates for the manner in which they handled themselves.

In response to the Hatchet editorial (Feb. 9) referring to this incident, I am offended by statements printed. First, no words were printed with racist overtones. "Groovy music" and "happenin' people" have appeared on our posters over the past four years. The impression created by The GW Hatchet editors to create tension and

misinform the GW community can not be tolerated. Second, the blindness of The GW Hatchet editors that we are the only racially unaware body on this campus, and that all students are as enlightened as you are, only shows to what extent even the editors of The GW Hatchet may have missed the lesson we have learned.

"Wake up Mr. Sophor. It takes a protest outside your door to teach you and your brothers what racism is?" My answer is yes. While Jerlys taught Rich Abrams, Tom

of this campus as a whole. As our constitution states; "the criteria of race, color, or creed as qualifications for membership in the fraternity are rejected." The makeup of our brotherhood has always, as in the recent semesters, resembled the University closely by religion, national origin and race. While it was stated that all members currently are white, we do and have had black brothers in proportion to the enrollment of blacks at GW.

I am confident that Delta Tau Delta strongly represents GW as stated, and we are proud of our academic, athletic and philanthropic success. As is often the case with the GW community, we, almost entirely, were blind in respect to the fact that our ignorance had such long reaching effects. This is also true of the GW student body as a whole. The individuals that protest against apartheid because it is the in thing to do are just as blind to the true causes of the BPU as we were. Mere acceptance of popular causes does not end racism, but rather hide from the individual that more basic goals are trying to be reached. The BPU cause is not to turn the school upside down. Rather, if they can get the message across that lack of thought can be just as dangerous in the long run as racist thought, then a major goal for the students of GW will have been reached.

It is for this reason that the protest was necessary. By simply stating that the fliers were a joke, however stupid it was, was confessing to everyone that we were unaware of some of the basic goals of the BPU. I believe strongly that most students who believe we got what we deserved are as blind as the Hatchet's confidence in these students. We were not punished for our humor, or lack thereof, but rather for the ignorance that underlined the words that we printed. Any individual who does not see this point has not learned what we have and should be protested, and then stand with the protesters as we have.

This was an expensive lesson for our fraternity, but an invaluable one. We learn from our mistakes, and in this instance, 35 students learned more in one night than in our previous 20 or so years. After all, we are here at GW for education, but there is no rule that says that it has to occur in a classroom.

The brotherhood of Delta Tau Delta strongly supports the goals of the BPU and approves their stand on this issue. We hope that this is not just the end of a crisis situation but the beginning of continued understanding.

Keith Sophor is President of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Keith Sophor

Galvin and myself an unforgettable lesson during our prior meeting, it was not until our brotherhood was confronted with the situation as a whole that we were, as a group, able to see the seriousness of the situation. The lesson that we learned is that ignorance in this situation was not racism, but rather ignorance in itself can only help to create and perpetuate racism on a wider scale.

Delta Tau Delta may very well be the most representative fraternal organization

Howard Beach, Forsyth County, and now GW

It was the summer of 1963 and my family had lived in Richmond, Va. for three years. I was 10 and, like most 10 year-olds in those years, I was part of a great flock of neighborhood kids who were into playing army, learning to play baseball, teasing girls and staying up late on Friday nights to watch the monster movie on the late show. We were normal, healthy, all-American types and we had President Kennedy, John Glenn and Mickey Mantle for heroes. Yet, as I was to discover that year, some of us (especially me) were more ignorant of the real world than we had ever imagined.

The particular incident that turned my head still burns as probably the most patently embarrassing and humiliating moment of my childhood. A group of us were at a friend's house. Rex was proudly showing us snapshots of a family vacation, but the rest of us were having more fun laughing at the negatives. The images of Rex and his white family at the beach were funny enough, but the negatives were hysterical! Each kid added his comments on how black the family looked, but I was the one who, thinking himself to be so funny, blurted out at the top of my voice "Black nigger!" Other kids laughed it off as a pretty routine comment for our gang, but Rex looked me straight in the eye and said firmly, "That's not funny! That's not funny at all!"

Shock, embarrassment, humiliation! I was stunned by what he said. It was clear from his tone and expression that he was not

offended by my references to his family, but rather by my use of the word "nigger." I didn't understand at first what my crime was. After all, I had heard that word all over Richmond; in the schools, in the churches and in the neighborhood. In Baltimore, where I was born, cousins, uncles and grandparents used the word in conversation so regularly that I thought it was as common a phrase as "dog" or "cat." And while I can never recall hearing

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my parents utter the word, it was at least tolerated in conversation.

But here was another 10 year-old kid telling me point blank that I wasn't being funny at all, and that I was being offensive. My friends were also silent. Why didn't they rush to my defense? After all, they had each used similar language many times before. Why, all of a sudden, did they abandon me? What I had said was just supposed to be a joke and yet nobody was laughing. Rex didn't press the issue beyond the initial comment but I got the message—the use of a word that seemed commonplace and acceptable to me was utterly and intolerably offensive to somebody else. There was nothing I could say to justify what I had said. I didn't even try. I knew from that day that "nigger" was a word I could not use around Rex. But more important than that, I

began to take notice of that word whenever it showed up in my life. Rex, in his moment of protest and anger, had planted a seed of awareness in my young, empty head.

Last Saturday night, here on the GW campus, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity advertised a birthday party for one of its members by announcing "White History Week" and reminding us all, "Did you know George Washington was a white person?" This flier appeared right in the middle of GW's Black History Month celebration and, as editorials and protests have so truthfully pointed out, the flier was a blatantly racist rebuttal of the concept of celebrating Black history. The artist may have had in mind some form of satire, however lame, and he may have thought he would strike the funny-bone of a majority of white students on this campus. But what he has accomplished is to put GW in the newspaper along with Howard Beach, N.Y. and Forsyth County, Ga. as a community with much insensitivity and potential hostility towards black students.

On Saturday evening, after about 45 minutes of organized protest in front of the Delta house, the house president, accompanied by many fraternity brothers, stood on the steps of the house and issued an apology to the demonstrators. The apology included an acknowledgement of their insensitivity on this issue. The party was cancelled, and at the invitation of the Black Peoples' Union, house members briefly joined the demonstration

as a show of support. Key to the entire incident was a point made by the Delta president on the steps of the house. As quoted in the Hatchet, he said, "You really let us know a point of view we didn't even consider." More than any other statement made on behalf of the house regarding this incident, this is the most telling. It is significant because of what it may reflect about the members of the Delta house, if not the entire GW campus. Regardless of the claim that the flier was drawn and distributed without house authorization, it is not implausible to assume that in some way, the attitudes and environment in the house created an atmosphere in which someone might believe that such a flier was not only acceptable, but hysterically funny. Fortunately, the statements coming from the house since the event, indicate that house opinion was generally unanimous that the flier did not represent the sensibilities of the Deltas. However, for the immediate future, the test of this group's sincerity on the issue will come in its commitment to programs and events which help promote attitudes opposite those evident in the flier.

For Delta Tau Delta, the next few weeks should be a time of self-examination regarding their attitudes towards issues affecting campus minorities. For the rest of the campus, why shouldn't the same be true? An incident like the one Saturday night will leave a negative image of GW that will last much longer than any apologies or retractions issued by one

fraternity house. For each member of the GW community, students, faculty and staff, the time has come for a very personal review of our own attitudes.

How do we sensitize ourselves to these issues? For myself, having never been a member of any ethnic, religious or racial minority, it took a person like Rex to open my eyes to my own ignorance. During my school years, issues about race relations ranged from debates on busing to strategies for increasing minority enrollment to the elimination of "Dixie" and Confederate flags as university-sanctioned symbols at football games. Some of these debates may seem inconsequential to white students today, but they were very serious issues at the time. For many students, debates on such issues were a matter of respect—for the feelings, rights and opportunities of students who had been denied the chance not only to get an education, but also to feel comfortable at the very institution to which they paid tuition.

It is as true today as it was 10 and 20 years ago that I will never be able to be the judge of what is offensive or insensitive to different ethnic or minority groups. The best I can hope for is that I keep my eyes and ears open, and that I do everything I can do to keep those symbols and attitudes of an insensitive and racist past from resurfacing on this campus or in my community.

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Opinion

U.S. policy must be ready for the post-Khomeini era

In the wake of the Iran/contras affair, the focus of most articles, commentaries, and op-eds on the matter seems to be the exploitation of the fact that envoys of the president of the United States were to deal, negotiate and/or swap arms for hostages with Iran. The president has insisted repeatedly that he will never deal with terrorists or exchange arms for hostages because this will give these international criminals incentive to kidnap more innocent Americans. Contrary to this, the U.S. did send envoys to Teheran to speak with Iranian representatives with respect to a possible change in future relations.

Former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane was one of the envoys who traveled to Iran. In a televised interview, McFarlane stated that he went to Iran and was accompanied by Lt. Col. Oliver North, as well as a few more Americans, Israelis and others. He also claimed that there were arms on the plane and that they were to remain behind after the delegation departed. When questioned on the story of the Bible signed by the President and the Israeli baked cake shaped as a key, the reply was that these articles may have been aboard the plane but "that's not the way I do business." In other words, McFarlane's assignment did not include these unique additions to Iranian-American dialogue, as was confirmed in the February 9, 1987 edition of *Time Magazine*. It stated that Lt. Col. Oliver North "almost certainly" delivered the Bible to Iranian representatives in West Germany between the signing date, October 3, 1986 and the time the affair was disclosed in mid-December.

The question most frequently asked, and rightly so, is why would the U.S. stoop so low as to deal with a nation whose policy has been to eliminate the U.S. presence in a geostrategically vital area to the West, the

Middle East? The answer is actually easier than most would care to believe. According to *The Washington Post* (Feb. 4, 1987), the ruling leader in this oil rich nation of 45 million, Ayatollah Rullah Khomeini, 86, is suffering from cancer of the prostate and a weak heart. In this nation where the hand-picked successor, Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, 63, is due to assume control upon Khomeini's death, the chances are great that chaos will be present in the imminent change of power. With this political chaos, the military force of the competing factions, being the most powerful and convincing influence they will be wielding, can surely determine the outcome

Penetration into the Northern Tier has been Russian/Soviet policy for literally hundreds of years. They seem to be more determined to exercise control now because the small Tudeh (communist) Party has been purged once again. Iranian leaders, unable to accept a rival authoritarian faction, imprisoned and executed many of its leaders. Further, a cease-fire is desperately needed in the brutal Iran-Iraq war, now in its seventh year. The Iraqi leader, President Sadaam Hussein, has publicly stated his nation's desire for a cease-fire, but his arch-rival Khomeini has said that the war will not halt until President Hussein is ousted from power. Western nations will not let the Iraqi government fall and another Muslim fundamentalist regime, like that in Iran, be inserted in Iraq. But recent Iranian advances are keeping all interested parties tense and in dismay. The Persian Gulf region is known to be vital to all industrial nations and should a regime with similar policies as the present regime in Iran be inserted, it very well could be a long, draining and costly era in Iranian-American relations.

Considering the above mentioned and other influences in Iranian politics, the president, as McFarlane stated, had a decision to make. He could sit idly by and do nothing, watching events unfold with no American influence involved and possibly let Western interests slide by, or he could attempt to become actively involved and possibly have some impact into the chaotic post-Khomeini events. Perhaps the influence resulting from presidential involvement could foment a regime whose policies are more compatible with those of the U.S. However, we elect a president to lead our nation in world affairs, not to observe world events and let them pass, not considering our interests or our citizens'. It

is the president's choice to act in a manner in which he feels is beneficial to the U.S. We, the people, gave him that mandate when we elected him for the second time in the landslide election of 1984. As we now know, the president decided to initiate a form of dialogue with supposed representatives of the Iranian government. Iranian military leaders were the representatives of Iran that the U.S. had been in contact with and with whom McFarlane had met; this included meetings in London and the Teheran journey by McFarlane and his entourage. Discrepancies arose when, after McFarlane met with Iranian representatives and left the plane full of arms, no hostages were released. The U.S. considered this to be a violation of a previous agreement, one in which a reciprocation of good will would attempt to "to turn the page" in bilateral relations.

The administration felt that these military men, with outside backing, could possibly gain an upper-hand in the post-Khomeini power struggle. As mentioned before, military superiority in the change of government process will be crucial for a faction to be victorious. For the U.S. to be a beneficiary of the downfall of this extremely hostile government, it is imperative that we aid a faction that would assume leadership and be on friendlier terms with the U.S. than the Khomeini regime has been. This was the theme of the Administration's efforts for reapproachment with the so-called "moderate elements" in Iran. Should we be so harsh on the president for trying this diplomacy? Should we be so appalled at our president's efforts to improve our standing in a vital area of the world? I don't think so.

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for the leader of the post-Khomeini era in Iran. The struggle will be, according to a European diplomat, "one of degrees of Islamic extremism." Those who are familiar with the Middle Eastern situation agree, so it is obvious that the West should attempt to help the "moderate elements" ascend to power. To encourage this new era, the majority of nations in the world arena have been attempting to influence events in Iranian politics since Khomeini attained power in 1979—so far to no avail.

With the new era within reach, the president has to consider all contemporary and historical facts and events which will be involved in the change of government. The USSR, having already invaded a northern tier nation, Afghanistan, and having forced indoctrination of Soviet communism upon its unwilling Muslim inhabitants, has been massing forces on the Soviet-Iranian border, waiting for a pretext to invade.

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damental elements in the universe, rock 'n' roll and anti-rock 'n' roll. The Rice Hall administration is a decidedly anti-rock outfit. However, it is too smart to dirty its own hands in open battle. Instead, it gave a power to hobble the Program Board's annual end of the semester bash to the law students. It counted on them to see only their own interests. To my future profession's shame, the administration chose its pawn well.

2. Self-server: At root, this is what has gotten me so agitated. Because of other scheduling constraints, the only two days available for Spring Fling were April 11th and 25th. The 25th is later—the weather is more likely to be better. The 25th is later—the quad is more likely to be ready. The 25th is later—a more appropriate time for an end-of-semester bash. In addition, the campus population will be depleted on the weekend of the 11th as Jewish students make their way home for the first evening of Passover on the 13th.

Against this, law students weighed the inconvenience of a loud, six-hour party on the quad on the Saturday before finals. Such a party makes use of the Burns Library difficult for some, and impossible for others. On their balance, according to the SBA, the law students' interest outweighed the rest of the community's.

Bunk! What is this crucial body of knowledge whose students can't be disturbed? It is a course of study that I, once I complete it, will lead to my being an officer of the court, both a leader and a servant of the greater community. When the SBA chose to honor our insular, selfish interest over the greater interest of our whole community, it erred.

-David Itkin

Unify the students

With Homecoming Weekend here and gone, I feel the need to voice my opinion on a few matters concerning student life at GW. Since I was a freshman, in fact even before I was a freshman when I was investigating schools to attend, I have been assured of "impending greatness" from *GW Sports Illustrated* and *Playboy* magazines have assured me, year after year, that this was the year to break into the top 20. Sure, it was exciting going to school during the "Mike Brown years," but year after year I have been disappointed because the prophecies are never fulfilled. GW athletics in general have always been on the verge of greatness.

I have also been assured of "impending greatness" from the administrators of GW. In fact, GW has been, in the Lloyd Elliott years, positioning itself to be "The Harvard on the Potomac." President Elliott has brought GW

to greatness, not quietly, but systematically. Sure, attaining greatness is not without a price, as evident in tuition hikes and ridiculously named buildings.

Why is GW always on the verge of greatness and yet, it never seems to attain its ultimate goals? Is John Kuester to blame, how about Steve Bilsky, director of Men's Athletics, Admissions, the faculty, how about President Elliott? What's the problem, maybe recruiting better athletes? Maybe throwing more (of our hard earned) money at the problem will make it go away. Perhaps buying more land will quell the problem. Attainment of greatness is a stone's throw away.

All the elements are present, everyone involved is doing their job; the problem is not the basketball team, Keuster, Bilsky, Webster, Elliott, Adam Freedman, or anyone else for that matter. All of the previous names are pouring out their hearts for this University. I would gladly pay double tuition, without a moments hesitation, if I thought the University would benefit. I wholeheartedly agree with the strategies of the Athletic, Admissions and Administrative departments of the university. They, in fact, have brought us to the verge of greatness. The underlying reason for this non-attainment is simply STUDENT APATHY! There is no unification; no common bond, that will solidify this University. There is no school

spirit, no feeling of belonging, no school pride—most students have no idea of how great this university is, and how great it would be. This University, as it stands, is a collection of faculty, administrators and athletes, but unfortunately, it is NOT a collection of unified students.

With GWUSA presidential elections coming, I have one small request, not for a winning basketball team, not for better food at Saga, not for a promise of not having any more tuition hikes, not for a promise of better faculty or for the knowledge of where or when (or if) we are having our spring fling. No, I really don't care about these things, as I consider myself lucky to just attend this University. Student unification will bring support to our athletes, and bring enhancement to both the academic and social lives of students. GW, with student unification, will be something Harvard never could be; all the elements are here thanks to the faculty, staff and guidance of President Elliott. My vote for GWUSA President will go to the candidate who tries to do one thing, UNIFY THE STUDENTS!

-Steve Zielenski

Give it to them

I had the displeasure of attending Monday night's St. Joseph's-GW basketball game. As a GW student and a basketball

fan, I was embarrassed and incensed by those ignorant, obnoxious jerks sitting in the first few rows at mid-court and behind the St. Joe's bench.

These little peons were more intent on looking for a confrontation than watching a basketball game. Getting on a visiting team is one thing, but to swear at the coach and his players throughout the game has no place in college basketball.

I am convinced these certain fans, most of them from three particular fraternities, like to act tough because they knew the objects of their scorn (the players) are not going to come into the stands and fight. In fact, when St. Joe's center, Rodney Blake, pointed at one particularly rude fan from Sigma Alpha Mu, this "fraternity wimp" was genuinely frightened. It's too bad Rodney didn't get a chance to go at him.

Jeering a visiting team is part of basketball and it adds to the spirit of the game, but when the taunts turn ugly, the host school's image is tarnished. It was particularly embarrassing to me to see the vice-president of GWUSA parking in such cowardly, unsportmanlike activities.

Some may argue that what went on Monday was just a display of school spirit. It most certainly was not. What I saw was blind hatred directed at the "enemy" rather than positive support towards our own Colonials.

-Mike Maynard

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color figures. The system is capable of producing 256 colors on the screen at the same time.

CAD/CAM also goes through a process called finite element analysis, in which it computes the stress and strain of each element and structure.

"A person has an image in his mind which is very difficult to visualize," Mukerjee says. "But visualization is easy because what you think up is put on a screen in front of you. It gives a real effect. It allows you to design a part and have it manufactured."

In September 1984, as part of a \$2.2 million grant from IBM, SEAS installed 17 CAD/CAM terminals (nine personal computers and eight IBM model 5080 workstations) connected to an IBM 4341 mainframe computer. GW was one of only 20 schools nationwide to receive the grant, which allowed it to introduce four graphics design classes on the CAD/CAM system. Approximately 80 students are trained on the system each semester.

The CAD/CAM lab is one of four labs in Tompkins Hall. The microcomputer lab and a computer graphics lab are also equipped with several up to date, high-resolution graphics terminals and workstations. A fourth, the artificial intelligence/software engineering lab, will open soon and contain AT&T software.

The addition of the AT&T

mini- and microcomputers, graphics terminals and computer software is part of an AT&T donation estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000 by Michael White, manager of the SEAS computing facility. The AT&T donation was in response to a proposal submitted by SEAS professors Shmuel Rotenstreich and Oscar Garcia. SEAS expects to soon begin installation of an analog design software system, as part of a \$19,800 grant from Martin Marietta Data Systems.

"We're trying to improve the school's computer resources to complement the school's growth, faculty research and instructional programs," White says. "The SEAS dean [Harold Liebowitz] is very committed to the school being very current in computer technology."

White says SEAS's expanded and diverse computer facility offers a myriad of advantages. "We have the greatest opportunity for self-motivated learning experiences," he says. "[We] have sophisticated systems for students to learn in courses and spend hour after hour on different system software."

SEAS's expansion efforts have been favorably received by students who, along with modern computers, have in recent years been of higher quality. According to admissions records, 1986 SEAS freshmen average a score of 640 on the math section of the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), the highest average among GW schools.

"In terms of packages for a student to learn, I don't think there are many more advanced

packages," Mukerjee says. "The CAD/CAM facilities here are the most up to date. And this school makes efficient use of the facilities we have."

"You're in touch with the [computer] industry," Noi Sukaviriya, a Ph.D. candidate in computer science says. "You have a great opportunity to learn the equipment and gain more experience here by learning so many different flavors of things. There are some companies that only have a couple of facilities, but when you leave here you have knowledge in many of them [computer systems] you'll face in the [corporate or research] engineering field."

SEAS is currently involved in several expansion projects.

"A lot of things are going on. It's very dynamic," White says. "I guess immediate actions include installing system-to-system communication. It includes [research] systems on the sixth and seventh floor of the Academic Center. We also want to expand in our CAD/CAM software [and] in microcomputers."

More than 70 SEAS faculty members have a microcomputer in their office. Each is tailored to the faculty member's needs, White says.

Also this semester, SEAS is permitting students from the Music Department of Columbian College to use its Macintosh computers. The microcomputers help a student compose a musical piece and, through a voice synthesizer, play it back.

Next—Building JJ: GW's only live-in computer laboratory.



"BEE" all you can be on SEAS's futuristic computer graphics system.

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Frederick, Thurston Hall President Larry Weisberg, Inter-Fraternity Forum President Tony Pagliaro, and Student Activities Office heads Claudia Dericotte and Mike Elmore.

"I think all the student leaders involved ... are all happy," Freedman said yesterday. "That was the plan we

worked out. We're A-OK. Spring will go on as usual."

Goldstein said last night the PB is going to do its best to successfully throw the Spring Fling party on G Street but, "There's just no way it'll be as good as it was on the quad."

Goldstein had harsh words regarding the unavailability of the quad. "For a university trying to establish itself as a 'Harvard,' or any major university, to take as much time as this project has taken, is a disgrace."

CANDIDATES:

The GW HATCHET announces publication of CANDIDATE STATEMENTS on Monday, February 23.

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HOMECOMING

Patty Lewis, Vice President of Student Activities gets credit for the tremendous success of Homecoming 1987. For months, Patty, the Homecoming Committee, and the GW Student Association prepared for the event of the year. This year's homecoming extravaganza consisted of the Pep Rally, the King and Queen Contest, the group competition (The Yell Like Hell Contest, the Banner Contest, the Spirit Contest) and the Homecoming Dinner Dance.

The Pep Rally Friday night on the third floor of the Marvin Center lasted till 12:30 a.m. D.J. Chris Scott from Q107 announced various pep rally events and gave out t-shirts and records. All the athletic teams participated. The men's basketball team even got up on stage and did a 'rap dance.'

'I think that the big turn out showed that everyone was having a good time. It really was a great Homecoming weekend,' says GW Student Association President Adam Freedman.

Colonial supporters brought their 'clickers' and cheered for the men's and women's basketball teams Saturday. Both teams won 82-75 and 71-57 respectively.

Seven groups and ten banners were entered in the group competition. First Prize and \$100 was given to Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) and Milton Hall for their banners. All the banners were hung in the Smith Center during the basketball games.

At the Homecoming Dinner Dance over 200 students, faculty, and alumni danced the night away. Chicken Cordon Bleu, carved steamship of beef, French cut green beans, and chocolate cake were just some of the many appetizing foods at the dance.

Adam Freedman announced the group winners. SAE received \$250 for first place, Phi Sigma Kappa got \$150 for second place, and Sigma Nu won \$100 for third place.

The King and Queen winners were also announced at the dance by Patty Lewis. Active member and former president of Sigma Nu Dan Berman was crowned King and IFF President and member of the Delta Theta Sorority Moira Boag was crowned queen.

'Homecoming was a real success. The credit should really go to the students. They made it what they wanted it to be,' says Patty Lewis.

GREEK LIFE

A resolution was passed by the senate last Tuesday requesting that the George Washington University Board of Trustees and Administration recognize charters of all fraternities and sororities as Greek organizations.

At many schools all over the country the Board of Trustees hold charters of all fraternities and sororities on campus and have active dealings with Greek life. At G.W., however, Greek organizations are not recognized as anything more than student groups.

Greek organizations have made a lot of contributions to the G.W. campus and community. In the past, G.W.'s fraternities and sororities have worked to help Red Cross, Miriam's Kitchen, hospitals all over the world and Prevention of Child Abuse.

This is finally a first step in recognizing students who contribute to our university and our community. Their contributions over the past years have been invaluable and deserve recognition by the university,' says Vice President of the G.W. Student Association Scott Sherman.



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STUDENT GROUP MONEY

The Senate was given an extra \$7,500 by the GW Board of Trustees to be allocated to student groups next year.

Currently, the Senate is in the process of mid-year review to make sure students are spending their money wisely. If some groups do not need all the money they are given then the Senate has more money to allocate. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) felt they had too much money and gave back \$6,500.

'We will be pleased to give more money to student groups that are working hard to plan better programs,' says GW Student Association Vice President Scott Sherman.

'It was a fair distribution of money to student groups that has provided services to other students at the university. Our only regret is that we don't have more money to distribute to worthwhile programs to benefit everyone at the university,' says Jane Henriques, chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee.

LEGAL SERVICE

The GW Student Association has a new program that gives students the opportunity to receive advice from a lawyer for a relatively inexpensive price.

Adam Freedman, president of the GW Student Association interviewed five firms before he decided upon the respectable Solomon, Tinkerman and Robinson as the firm chosen to help out GW students.

According to Adam, 'Students can go to Solomon, Tinkerman and Robinson and have their legal options laid out for them for \$15. It is important that GW students make use of this great opportunity in the future.'

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Elliott: GW enrollment numbers to stay intact

by Rich Katz
Executive Editor

GW President Lloyd H. Elliott said Tuesday he would not follow the University of Maryland's decision to significantly cut enrollment to raise the quality of the student body.

'The [GW] Enrollment Committee has made it be known that the undergraduate student body level off at about 5,000,' Elliott said. 'Five thousand is our stabilized level.'

'I think the key is to increase selectivity and continue to strengthen the undergraduate program to increase the number of academically qualified students,' he added.

The University of Maryland's Board of Regents last Friday adopted a plan to cut the number of undergraduates by more than 20 percent over a five-year period. The move is aimed at reducing the number of students at the College Park campus in effort to fill classrooms with more qualified students. It follows recommendations made by a state committee to improve the state's college and university systems.

GW Admissions Director George W. G. Stoner said if a school wanted to raise admission standards 'significantly,' then 'that would be the way to go.'

Stoner said GW is becoming more selective in the type of students it admits. GW's 1986 freshmen class averaged a combined score of 1,100 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and had 23 percent finish among the academic top 10 percent in their high school class.

Elliott and Stoner agreed it is hard to compare GW with the University of Maryland-College Park. 'Probably most people there wouldn't get admitted here,' Stoner said. GW currently has approximately 21,000 fewer undergraduates than the University of Maryland-College Park.

Stoner said a student must score 'around 1,100' on the SAT and have 'around a 3.0 [grade point average]' in previous academic work to gain admission to GW. 'That's the general policy here ... with some discretionary policy.'

Students need a minimum combined SAT score of 650 and a 2.0 grade point average to gain admission to the University of Maryland.

To attract top quality students, GW Admissions sends special letters to high school students who score high on the SAT and has faculty, administrators and students in person-to-person contact with possible National Merit Scholarship winners who express interest in enrolling at GW, Stoner said.

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University self-study progressing 'smoothly'

by Kevin McKeever
Asst. News Editor

The GW pre-accreditation self-study is progressing well as the report's May deadline draws nearer.

The self-study, being done primarily to help the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools decide whether or not to reaccredit the University, started last September with a steering committee. Four subcommittees, largely made up of faculty and administration, were formed to study specific areas of GW's academic atmosphere and furnish reports on their findings by late May 1987.

"The Report on the Year 2000 [GW's blueprint for growth in the next 13 years] will serve as the basis for the Middle States Association," said Dr. Joseph Moreno, the steering committee secretary and GW professor of Philosophy. "The self-study is the most important phase of the reaccreditation process."

Moreno said the committee's work was going "more smoothly than expected" and he was "confident" the report would come out on time, but he had no idea what overall picture of GW would be painted.

"We are hoping to get some concrete recommendations from the study. I will be very interested in the rhetoric and recommendations that can be applied," Moreno said.

"Everything is coming along well. I am pleased with the work of the committees," said Edward A. Caress, committee chairman and associate dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Caress would not speculate on the general findings of the report.

Arvil Van Adams, chairman of the Subcommittee on Policy Studies and a research professor of Education Policy and Economics, said his subcommittee is working on the implementation of a center for the study of public policy, and they are preparing an open forum for students to "offer views on barriers and incentives to public policy" at GW.

"We hope to determine what people are concerned about and promote the study of government and public policy through the consulting of all parties," Adams said.

Dean of Students Gail S. Hanson, a member of the Subcommittee on General Education, said her committee will probably recommend "a general education capitalizing on GW's location" in the nation's capital and the University's "international perspective."

Hanson also said a "full spectrum" of ideas and inputs was being considered, especially in the area of interpersonal skills.

Stephen J. Wayne, chairman of Hanson's subcommittee, was unavailable for comment.

Nicaraguan ambassador: 'Free us from U.S. reins'

by Paul Rubin
Hatchet Staff Writer

The current situation in Nicaragua is "not a civil war, but a war to gain sovereignty from the United States," Carlos Tunnerman, the Nicaraguan ambassador to the United States, said Tuesday night in the Marvin Center.

Tunnerman spoke about the history of Nicaragua and said no other country in Central America has been dominated more by the U.S. than Nicaragua. He said the United States has invaded Nicaragua seven times in the past 100 years.

"This unjust and illegal U.S. war has brought much pain and suffering to our people," Tunnerman said. The war has resulted in 20,000 killed, 9,000 wounded and 6,000 kidnapped, according to Nicaraguan government figures.

"Justice, liberty and national liberation without interference" are what Tunnerman called for, comparing the Nicaraguan revolution of 1979 to the American Revolution. Tunnerman spoke about a "new constitution," which will



Nicaraguan Ambassador Carlos Tunnerman addresses U.S.-Nicaraguan relations Tuesday night in the Marvin Center Ballroom.

photo by Ann Billingsley

include a democratic government, separation of powers, a mixed economy and nonalignment. He said that constitution is suspended by the current state of emergency.

"The U.S. knows any amount of aid to the *contras* won't help their objective," Tunnerman said, adding that the *contras* have lost ground and have not won the popular support of the people. Through what Tunnerman

described as a "fair and free election" in 1984 in which 75 percent of the Nicaraguan people participated, 60 percent voted for the Sandinistas.

"Nicaragua doesn't need to be pressured by war to sit at the negotiating table," he said. The Nicaraguans are "trying to build a new and more just society" but cannot when a "war is being waged by a superpower 100 times our size," Tunnerman said.

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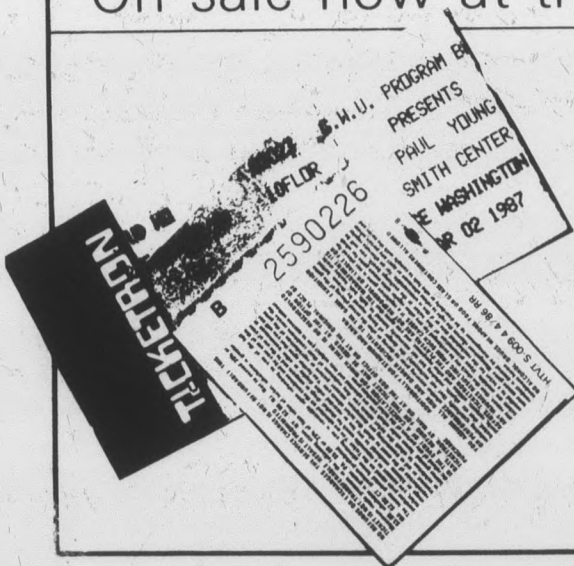
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Arts and Music

El Amor Brujo a sizzling film without the sizzle

by Amy Leigh Steiner

El Amor Brujo, or *Love, The Magician*, is described as the "sizzling tale of young lovers separated by fate, but whose love still burns with a passion only for each other." Eliminate all of the over-indulgent adjectives and the description may be faintly true-to-life. This Spanish film, directed by Carlos Saura (*Carmen*), is the old "Romeo and Juliet" love conflict with a slightly original twist intertwined with an amalgamation of melodramatic flamenco dancing sequences.

The plot develops like so: Attracted since childhood, Candela (Christina Hoyas) and Carmelo (Antonio Gades) are separated by Candela's arranged marriage to Jose (Juan Antonio Jimenez), who continues his love affair with Lucia (Laura del Sol). When Jose is killed in a knife fight, Carmelo is wrongly jailed for the crime. Upon his release from prison, Carmelo discovers that Candela is haunted by the ghost of Jose. The performance of what is labelled as the "ritual Fire Dance" allows the lovers—Candela and Carmelo, and Jose and Lucia—to be properly reunited, and all's well that ends well.

The most interesting moment of this film is the opening shot, in which the studio is panned over to reveal the set in which the entire film takes place; this original in-

roduction soon turns out to be the only trace of captivating camera work. The remaining 95 or so minutes of the film consist of overdramatic acting, tiny bits of dialogue (subtitles for we Americans), and an amazing number of flamenco dances apparently meant to size up the troupe's dancing ability.

As far as foreign films go, *El Amor Brujo* is not a very captivating film. There is a plethora of exaggerated melodramatics displayed by the lead actors which eventually becomes humorous, outweighing serious emotion. Watching such skilled flamenco dancers is enjoyable, for a bit, but there is an unnecessary amount of such sequences. Rather than being joyous when these star-crossed lovers are finally united in the big finale, one is relieved that Saura finally gets to the point.

El Amor Brujo, Carlos Saura's attempt at "going one step further in joining dance and the camera," sadly fails at creatively combining the ancient lover's conflict with the wonderfully aesthetic flamenco dancing tradition. The only advantage in seeing this film is to discover the lost skills of flamenco dancing; otherwise, if you're looking for a mind-stimulating, good ol' foreign film, forget about *El Amor Brujo*—you'll probably walk out in a coma (*Ed, go to sleep*).

El Amor Brujo opens tomorrow at the Kay Theatre.



Carmelo (Antonio Gades, left) dances with Candela (Christina Hoyas) in *El Amor Brujo*

The British pub/rockabilly mix of Dave Edmunds

by Tim Walker

To quote the immortal Huey Lewis: "Well, let's face it ... rock 'n' roll, it's American music. It's our music." Well, let's face it: the greatest rockabilly/rock 'n' roll revival band in history was Rockpile, and perhaps the single greatest artist belonging to the same category is Dave Edmunds—both, of course, British acts.

Edmunds has been making great records for more than 15 years, his best moment came in

the late Seventies when he, along with his then-partner Nick Lowe, formed Rockpile. Although the band primarily served as a backup group for both Edmunds' and Lowe's solo records, in 1980, Rockpile released their first and last record as a real unit, *Seconds of Pleasure*, which is an absolute classic mixture of British pub rock and old-time American rock 'n' roll. The record even managed to spawn a hit single with "Teacher, Teacher."

However, due to some busi-

ness disagreement, Edmunds and Lowe split up in 1981. Edmunds has spent the last six years expanding his talents (everything but songwriting) and has produced hits for the Stray Cats and, most recently, the Fabulous Thunderbirds. In addition, Edmunds served for a time as Paul McCartney's lead guitarist on Paul's *Give My Regards to Broad Street* album and produced, with magnificent results, the two recent Everly Brothers comeback records.

While never failing to contribute to the commercial success of the artists he has produced or played with, Edmunds (with the exception of his 1970 smash "I Hear You Knockin'") has never really managed to make a name for himself, especially in the U.S., with his own generally first-rate solo records.

So, in 1987, it was high time Dave got back into performing live in America. Accompanied by the newly released live record, *I Hear You Rockin'*, Dave Edmunds is now back on the road. Last Saturday night, the Dave Edmunds Band appeared at the Warner Theatre and proved that, at age 43, he can rock just as hard as anyone half his age.

The set opened at a furious pace with "Crawling from the Wreckage" and never let up. Most of Edmunds' "hits" were performed, such as "Queen of Hearts," "I Knew

the Bride," "I Hear You Knockin'," "Girls Talk," "JuJu Man," and "Here Comes the Weekend," all delivered in fine voice by Edmunds.

The unavoidable letdown of the show was that some popular numbers had to be omitted, an inevitable circumstance considering the length of Edmunds' repertoire. Still, an hour and 15 minutes is a relatively short performance, leaving hardcore Edmunds-fans more than likely a little disappointed (nothing off *Seconds of Pleasure* or his last two records, *Information* and *Riff Raff*). Generally, the crowd gave the performance a rousing standing ovation, and on a rather sad but necessary note, middle-aged Dave looked ready to pass out by the end of the last encore. It wouldn't be too much of a surprise if this trek around the U.S. is in fact his last tour. During the next few years, Edmunds most

likely will build on his already steadfast reputation as one of rock 'n' roll's finest producers.

"I love 'em all," explained an exhausted Edmunds after Saturday night's show, "producing, recording ... whatever. I don't like concentrating on one thing. I last toured in '83, so right now it's great to be back on stage. And hopefully, I'll be back in the studio for another record."

Great. But unless Bon Jovi steps into the production chair, the next Dave Edmunds record probably won't go platinum; rather, it will probably garner, like the others, "respectable" sales.

"It's not frustrating," he explains. "It's just great to be involved in making a hit record, whether it's working with the Stray Cats, Jeff Lynne or the [Fabulous] Thunderbirds. As far as my own records go, I'll just keep on trying ... recording, and eventually, I'll find a hit."



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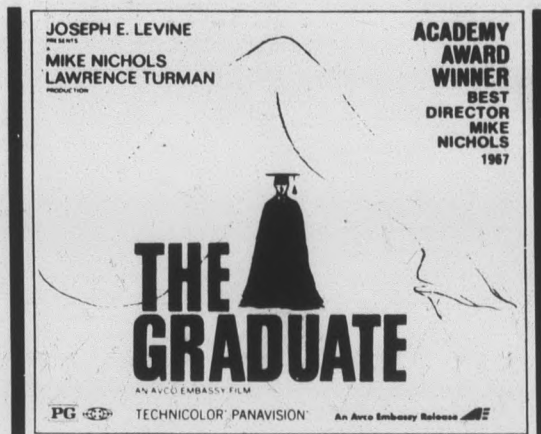
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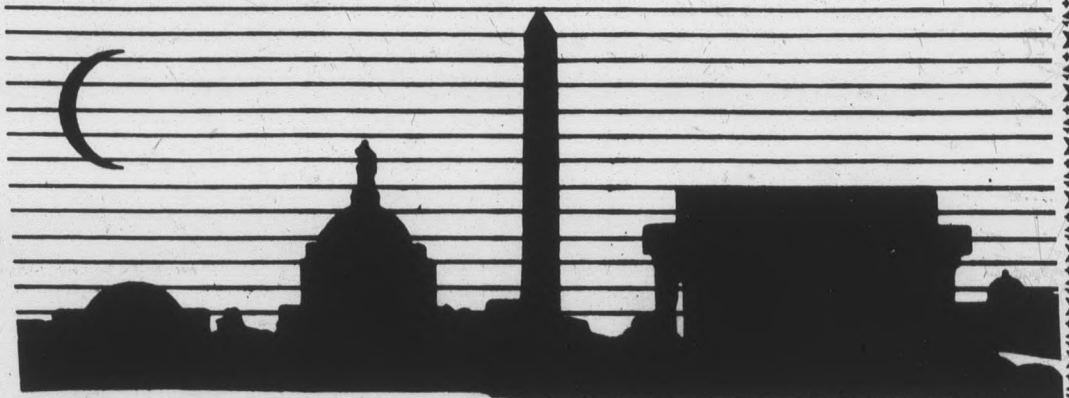


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Have you ever heard someone ask, "How can I change this fat to muscle?" That is impossible to do because fat tissue and muscle tissue are totally different types of tissue and perform different functions in the body. They each need to be worked on separately and in different ways. You

cannot "spot reduce," but you will be able to spot tone or increase the strength in certain muscles.

Spot toning is possible to do. This is simply the toning and strengthening of specific muscles in isolated areas of your body. It can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Aerobic endurance training, weight training and exercises for specific muscle groups are effective ways to strengthen muscles, as well as decrease body fat. You could use the Universal machines in the Smith Center for weight training, or other weight training methods such as Nautilus machines and free weights. Aerobic activities could include jogging/running, a bicy-

cle or lifecycle, rowing machines, aerobic or other forms of dance, swimming and racket sports. A training program designed to alter body composition, to lose body fat and gain muscle mass, should be conducted at least three days per week. Results begin to appear within six to eight weeks. The aerobic exercise program should last 20-60 minutes and the individual should work 60 percent to 85 percent of their maximum heart rate for the best results.

The added caloric expenditure due to long-term aerobic exercise will produce a weight loss providing the caloric intake remains the same. Weight control is a serious concern for the adult population, as

evidenced by the fact that Americans spend an estimated \$50 million for diet and exercise books, \$200 million on diet pills, and \$6 billion for diet drinks each year.

Lack of physical activity, rather than overeating, is a more common cause of overweight in children and adults. For trained individuals, those exercising regularly, a large percentage of the energy used during submaximal exercise is derived from the metabolism of fatty acids. Also the ability to use fats for energy is increased.

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GW bigwigs' wishes from Cupid

by Robyn Walensky
Hatchet Staff Writer

Although many GW students are wishing for cards, candy, and cuddly koala bears this Valentine's Day, the most prevalent wishes among GW's administrative bigwigs and personnel are peace on earth and travels to warmer climes.

When asked "What is your ultimate Valentine's Day wish?" The GW Hatchet received the following responses:

●GW President Dr. Lloyd H. Elliott: "peace in all the trouble spots in the world."

●Kathy Jordan, Assistant Director of Housing: "World peace. I wish that when people would get together, they would choose to listen rather than to

have an adversarial approach to change or to problems. I wish people would listen and respect each other first."

●Gail Hanson, Dean of Students, wishes for a weekend in Bermuda and for "some more thought by everyone on world peace."

●"No sexually transmitted diseases on campus," wishes Dr. Isabel Kuperschmit, Director of Student Health Services.

●Ann Webster, Director of Housing and Residence Life: "More student housing for spring."

●Curtis Goode, GW Director of Safety and Security: "I'd like to have spring about two months early."

●"I wish everybody could graduate when they wanted too," said Marvin Katzman, Assistant Dean of the School of Government and Business Administration. He advises the people who feel lonely on campus to "get involved in some type of campus organization."

●"I'd like to be lying on the beach in the Caribbean with a drink in my hand," said Nancy Sabel, Director of Saga food services.

●"I wish my Valentine was down here in D.C. with me; she's in N.Y." GW Registrar J. Matthew Ganglione said. He also wishes "the next registration process runs smoothly with no down time."

Incumbent Freedman cops CD, BPU endorsements

The GW College Democrats voted overwhelmingly to endorse incumbent Adam Freedman for GW Student Association president and Jerlys Thompson for Columbian College senator after their Sunday night forum for student government candidates, an informed source close to the CDs told The GW Hatchet yesterday.

The GW Black People's Union, which co-sponsored Sunday night's forum in the Marvin Center, will also endorse Adam Freedman for GWUSA president, an informed source close to the BPU said yesterday.

Freedman faces three other contenders for GWUSA president: Sunil Bhargava, Bill Koch and Alex Mahoney. Suzanne

Dawley, Jon Kessler, Brett Kimmel, Chris Preble, Daniel Schneider and Brian Schwartz will compete with Thompson for three Columbian College senatorial seats.

The BPU will also endorse the following candidates: Bill Lutz for GWUSA executive vice president; Jeff Hyler for at-large undergraduate senator; Toni Jackson for School of Government and Business Administration undergraduate senator; Charles Haykel for Program Board vice chairman; and Mike Pollok (who was removed last night from the official ballot, see p.19) and Jerlys Thompson for Columbian College senators.

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Pros and cons of "Star Wars" debated in down to earth feud

by Cathy Moss
Hatchet Staff Writer

The pro-Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars") weapons system sentiments of a U.S. Arms Negotiating Team member and the opposite opinions of a former presidential administration member were forcefully debated last night in the Marvin Center.

Whether or not to continue the research and testing of SDI was the primary issue discussed between Major Mark Rabinowitz, the special assistant to the U.S. Director of Systems and a member of the U.S. Arms Negotiating Team, and Dr. Robert Bowman, a retired air force pilot who served in the Ford and Carter administrations and is currently the director of the Institute for Space and Security Studies. Both men gave their opposing viewpoints to the ongoing "Star Wars" controversy

and offered specific analyses toward the administration's plan of "Star Wars" deployment.

"Many people believe that the threat of nuclear war is a problem. I prefer to think of it as a symptom to an ideological difference between East and West," Rabinowitz said. "The two diametrically opposed nations deal with military, technological and ideological portions of the arms control treaty," he added.

After citing a historic account of the United States-Soviet arms control relationship dating back to 1968, Rabinowitz insisted SDI must be dramatically reintroduced into the balance of the United States-Soviet relations. Rabinowitz added that if the United States and Soviet Union continue to react the way they have been reacting to nuclear defense build-ups, we are opening ourselves up to mutual destruction,

and he referred to U.S. strategies over the last several years as "still-born."

Bowman strongly opposes the Reagan administration's handling of the "Star Wars" issue.

Bowman said the primary reason he felt it was necessary to leave his position after 22 years in the government was his dramatic opposition to defensive action. He no longer wanted to continue research on defensive action, but rather to act offensively so the U.S. is capable of first strike.

"We have 10,000 more missiles than the Soviet Union, and 4,000 more strategic weapons with bigger and stronger capabilities," he said. However, Bowman added, although we are slowly moving toward the disarmament of nuclear weapons, we must recognize the "conventionalism as well as the devastating and permanent capabilities of our adversary."

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University History prof. calls for peaceful coexistence among races

by Amy Ryan
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW boasts a diverse international student body, but only 4.5 percent of its population is black. Dr. James Horton, a GW history professor, called for more blacks at GW while speaking Monday night on the ethnic and historical perspective of blacks in the United States.

"Being black is what makes us unique and gives us interracial character. We are what we are because we are a multi-racial society," Horton said, supporting his stand that blacks have struggled to develop an identity in both a predominantly white nation and, more specifically, a white university. He said the U.S. has yet to develop a class consciousness like many European nations. Social division, therefore, rests more on race than any other factor, including economic, he said.

"What do you call a black Ph.D.? ... A nigger. No one asks you your credentials before they treat you badly," he said, adding that much of the difficulty existing between blacks and whites is a result of ignorance and insensitivity.

The program, held in the Strong Hall lounge, was sponsored by GW's Diversity Task Force and directed by Strong Hall Resident Assistant Lori Madoff and Riverside Resident Director Rick Schenker as part of Black History Month. The discussion attracted an unexpectedly large number of

people, due in part to the demonstration by approximately 65 people last Saturday night outside the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house, protesting a party advertisement they viewed as racist.

Horton commented on the protest against the "White History Week" party advertisement outside the Delta house last week. "The event did not occur because we're [GW] more racist but because we don't encourage and promote sensitivity to gender, class or race at GW," he said.

Horton continued by recounting his own college experiences from the 1960s and by offering his compassion to entering black freshmen who must go through additional adjustment when they find themselves in what he called the "vast, vast minority."

"No matter what your individual character is, we are united because we all face a common history and oppression," he said. "Anyone who thinks that discrimination and racism do not exist in American society is mentally retarded," he said, arguing that recognizing the problem was not enough.

He said more blacks were needed at the University to promote a less comfortable environment for the majority which, in turn, would give every student a better education. "If you leave this place and your view of the world is exactly how it was when you came to GW, you should sue the University because you haven't been educated," he said.



GW history professor Dr. James Horton calls for a more racially integrated University in his lecture Monday night at the Marvin Center.

Photo by Ed Marano

Security Beat

The GW Office of Safety and Security has confiscated 10 invalid student identification cards since Feb. 1, Director of Safety and Security Curtis Goode said Tuesday.

Goode said the IDs which did not bear a Spring 1987 registration sticker were confiscated at the Academic Center, the Burns Law library, Thurston and Milton halls.

When an ID is confiscated, Goode explained, "a student comes in here to the security office and the sergeant on duty returns it so they can have it validated. The whole process is just a reminder that will pro-

mpt students to validate cards sooner."

Security officers were posted at the Smith Center to confiscate invalid IDs last September at building director Michael Peller's request. Peller requested the officers be specially assigned the building which is not one of security's regular posts.

Security confiscated more than 20 invalid IDs from the Smith Center alone last semester. No IDs have been confiscated from the Smith Center this semester.

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In other security news, an

unknown man who said he was armed approached a GW student at 21st and G Streets, NW last Friday and demanded the student's watch.

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New federal regulations the main cause in GSL delays

(CPS)—Huge numbers of students nationwide are reporting they're suffering weeks of delay in getting their Guaranteed Student Loans (GSLs).

The problem, campus financial aid directors say, is a tangle of new federal regulations that went into effect during Christmas break.

The regulations have confused the banks that actually made the loans to students, and have slowed the banks' loan processing.

"In the past," reports Larry Rector of Wichita (Kansas) State's aid office, "students could process their loans immediately, then wait two or three weeks for their money."

"Now the process is slowed down another three or four weeks, and then even students who (are eligible) may not get loans because of the stringent new applications and qualifications regulations," he says.

And to fuel the confusion, some of the new regulations for students and the banks that make GSLs are about to be superseded by even newer regulations mandated by the Higher Education Amendments of 1986.

Those newer regulations, moreover, may leave many students whose families make more than \$30,000 a year ineligible to get GSLs next fall.

"Anyone in the GSL lending business is used to confusion," says Greg Ulrich, lawyer for the Consumer Banking Association. "The program has always been slipshod, so there's not a big hue and cry from lenders this time because they're used to (the Education Department's) nonsensical way of doing things."

The U.S. Department of Education, of course, writes the rules

for students, banks and colleges that want to participate in federal aid programs like the GSL.

The confusion has caused problems nationwide. Minnesota students, for instance, are waiting up to eight weeks to get their loans.

University of Florida officials estimate 300 students will lose their GSLs and another 3,500 will have to come up with stronger need-based claims.

North Carolina officials believe the changes will eliminate or reduce loans for 14 percent to 30 percent of GSL applicants in that state.

"We expect about 40 percent—200 or so—of our GSL borrowers to be cut or eliminated from the program by next year," predicts I.M. Hubbard, financial aid director for Lander College in South Carolina. "The biggest concern is that lots who are eligible this year won't be next year."

The new GSL regulations change some application procedures but mostly aim to reduce loan defaults, fraud and abuse, Dept. of Education spokeswoman Paula Huffelman says.

"The new GSL regulations themselves affect students only indirectly," agrees Jean Frohlicher of the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs. "They're geared more toward lenders and guarantee agencies."

The new Higher Education Amendments (HEA), passed last fall after two long years of debate, reduce government subsidies to lenders and complicates loan

application procedures.

"Lenders took a hit last year under the Gramm-Rudman (balanced budget law), and lost income on their fiscal 1986 loans," Frohlicher explains. "Lender returns will be reduced again under the HEA."

Adding to the muddle are other Education Department regulations, contradicted by the HEA, governing lenders, college financial aid departments and student borrowers.

The regulations, for example, include a complicated process for determining students' "cost of attendance," which, in turn, determines how much aid they get. The HEA, though, mandates a simple cost calculation.

Many of the new Education Dept. regs now confusing aid directors and delaying students loans will soon have to be rewritten to comply with the HEA, Ulrich says.

"And until the HEA is corrected and amended, the department will be hesitant to write new regulations because changes in the HEA could supercede any new regulations," he says.

Yet "the new regulations and laws really aren't the problem," Ulrich maintains. "What hurts," he says, is that the Education Dept. didn't publish the new regulations far enough in advance for banks and colleges to comply with them.

The Education Dept., meanwhile, is trying to appease lenders with "Dear Colleague" letters designed to guide them through the maze of conflicting rules, specifying which ones are superseded by the new law.

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Candidates battle, JEC votes out two

by Kevin McKeever
Asst. News Editor

The hotly contested race for president of the GW Student Association turned into a mostly verbal battle between two candidates, incumbent Adam Freedman and law student William H. Koch, at the Joint Elections Committee's (JEC) candidates forum last Tuesday as both candidates tried to prove who has been and who will be more in touch with the students of GW.

Koch said the apathy problem among GW students stems from a "lack of leadership at top." Koch directed a statement toward Freedman, saying that a leader should be able to communicate with the students and not be "simply a representative going to get his picture taken at the right time and the right places."

Koch also said a lack of aggressive policy change this year helped to keep "the status quo ... maintained" and Freedman was not progressing forward in his duties.

Freedman responded to the charges, saying he had "been where the problems are" and (with the exception of presidential candidate and current GWUSA Senator Sunil Bhargava) had not seen any of the candidates "fighting against Rice Hall" or even at last weekend's Homecoming festivities.

"They [Koch and candidate Alex Mahoney] are talking about maintaining the status quo, but they don't even know what the status quo is. That's my final answer," Freedman said.

Freedman, who is basing his platform on his past GWUSA achievements, said that many of

his administration's efforts, such as lobbying for a grandfather clause to be included in last October's D.C. drinking age legislation and the setting up of a book exchange program, have been successful.

Koch disagreed with Freedman, saying Freedman was taking credit for successful senate actions that were not completely his work.

Koch also denied he was running for GWUSA president "simply for graduate reasons," denouncing that would be "ridiculous." Instead, he said the purpose of his campaign was "bringing the school together and forcing Rice Hall to recognize that the student body is as important as academic work."

Freedman summarized his platform by comparing his experience with GW to his opponents lack of it: "Two of my opponents

[Bhargava and Koch] have never lived in a residence hall on campus, and they've never been on a meal plan. Two of my opponents [Koch and Mahoney] have never served in the Student Association before. But when the students have needed me, I've been there."

Also, the JEC late last night unanimously voted to remove two candidates from the election ballot. Incumbent Columbian College Senator Mike Pollok, who was seeking reelection, and Program Board Treasurer candidate Susan Fish failed to speak at the mandatory forum, prompting their removal from the election.

Neither Pollok nor Fish could be reached for comment last night.

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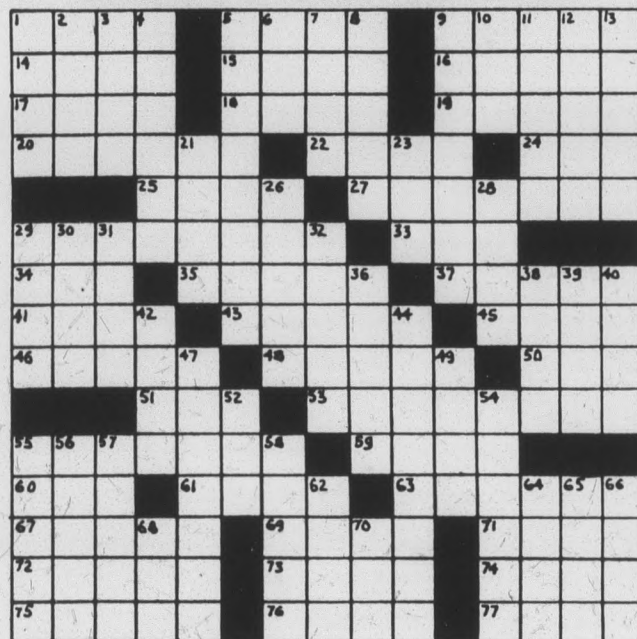
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(See ANSWERS, p. 2)

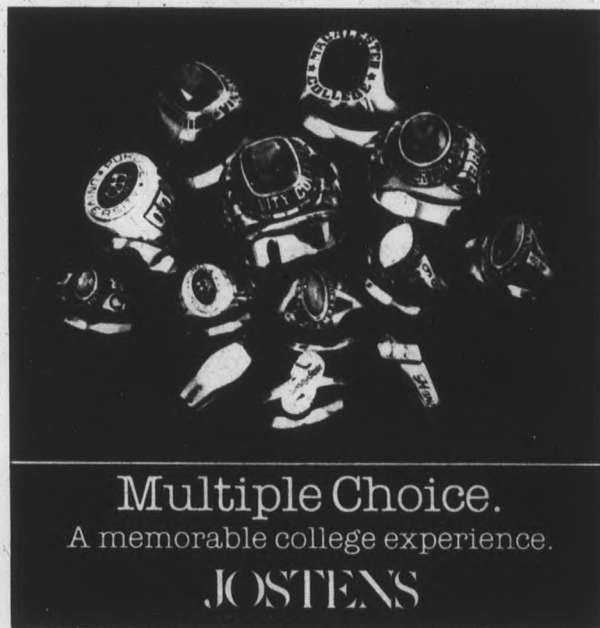
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GW's Julie Brown has been the epitome of the student-athlete.

Brown

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Classic in January when she connected on a last-second jumper to give GW a win over the host University of San Francisco team.

This season, Brown is averaging 3.8 assists per game and is well-known for her ability to look off the defense and then hit the open player.

"One of the first things I had to learn was that Julie was going to pass me the ball when she was not looking at me more often than when she was," said sophomore teammate Tracey Earley.

Brown has maintained a 3.1 grade point average throughout her undergraduate studies and has begun working on a Master degree of Business Administration with a

concentration in finance. Brown would eventually like to work in the communications industry.

GW is currently in sixth place in the conference standings and is looking to move into the number five slot, which would be the team's highest conference standing since Atlantic 10 women's play began five years ago.

Brown said that last semester, in which she took a full load of classes, interned with a local TV station and played basketball was "the toughest [semester] of all." But Brown knows the satisfaction she will feel this Sunday, when she walks with the other graduates to receive her sheepskin, will be something she'll never forget.

"I know I'll feel a little different next week when they introduce me at the beginning of a game. I wonder if the other team will be able to see it—the sense of accomplishment on my face."

Squash 2-2 in tourney

The GW Men's Intercollegiate Squash team went 2-2 in a five-team tournament last weekend at Haverford College in Pennsylvania.

The Colonials are 17-7 in intercollegiate play.

The team's victories came at the expense of teams from Widener College and host Haverford, while its losses amounted to a nail-biting 5-4 match against Stevens Technical Institute (STI) and Swarthmore College. The loss to STI came in the aftermath of a GW win earlier this season against the same team.

GW Head Coach Charles Elliott said the Colonials were especially impressive in their 9-0 shellacking of Widener.

Martin Rojas and Fred Firouz

each recorded 3-1 records for the weekend.

The team has four remaining matches on its schedule before the national tournament.

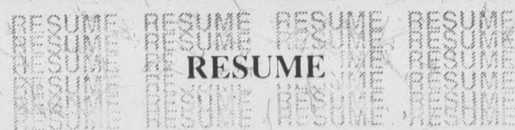
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All students, faculty, administrators and staff of the University are eligible, both to submit nominations and to be nominated. GUIDELINES and forms for nominations are available in the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Rice Hall, Room 403.

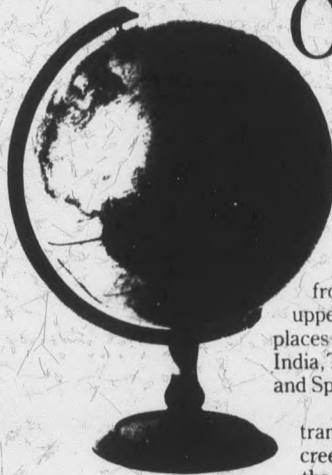
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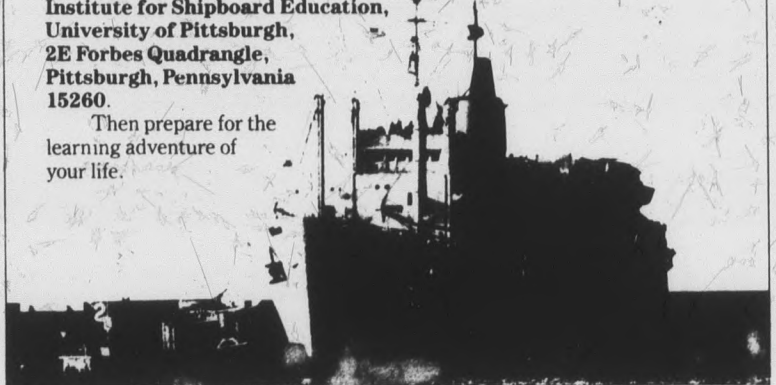
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Valentines Messages

Amy: Is it going to be a race to the altar of a double ceremony? Well have to wait to find out. Love you always, Baphie.
PS: How were Godiva's chocolates made, and what does VTOL stand for? Those were the days!

Boo! It's a message from that girl in the black dress. Happy Valentine's Day. Can't wait until tomorrow night, 12 midnight when maybe I'll turn into a pumpkin, if you will stop tickling me. It's been a great almost six months. Even though it's a bit of a cliché, I well you know what I mean. Love your surrogate pillow.

CALLING ALL GW WOMEN:

Roses are red
Violets taste great
The next time we meet
I think we should mate.
Love, Jim C.

Clarke:
Walensky has reservations for you!

Dear Ar,
The next 80 years are going to be wonderful! Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Sandy.

Dear Baby: Thanks for sticking with me. I love you. Love, Cybil.

Dear Jase: It's so much better the second time around! Be my Valentine? I love you. Jen.

To The Beav:
The L.B. will always be there for you!

My Heaven: our love is a secret. Let no-one know it but us and let us know it together... forever. I love you.

P.D.E.
The past 11 months have meant so much to me. As Bruce says, "I'm On Fire." Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Me.

Dear Jennifer,
Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. You're the most special person in the world! I love you, always. Love, Rich.

Dear Marcy: Happy year and a half. I love you forever. Love, Kitten.

Dick and Jane are having an argument. Let's listen in. "But Sat. nite is Valentine's Day, Dick! ...Hey, I'm drinking with my buddies, sorry BAE." Is there a Dick in your life? Order dead flowers for those you hate from Sigma Phi Epsilon, next to building H on frat row Thurs. 1-4.

Happy Valentine's Day, Princess.

Happy Valentine's Day, Baby bear. I love you, always.

I started looking for you when you gave me this: we're the bridge across forever, arching above the sea, adventuring for our pleasure, living mysteries for the fun of it, choosing disasters triumphs challenges impossible odds, testing ourselves over and over, learning love and love and LOVE! R. Bach.
Now I've almost found you.

MGD, I wanted to let you know on our 3rd Valentine's Day together that you've made me happier than I ever thought I could be! They say love is better the second time around- I agree wholeheartedly! I love you!! CMI

Would you be Spike's Valentine?

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Beth,
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To tell the whole school
And risk being a fool!
The girl they all talked about was mine
My feelings for you soon grew stronger
And with each day that passed
My "like" turned to love
And I began thinking of
Different ways to make our love last.
Meeting you was so lucky
I picked you up at Roxanne's
We left around 2-ish
After you let me know you were Jewish
Little did I know it was all part of your plans
The semester, though, did not end very happily
Make it through the summer? I thought we'd never

But we made it through June
July and August passed, too
Our distance brought us closer than ever
By the fall we'd had enough distance
To last us a lifetime or more
We've since been together
Through all kinds of "weather"
I'll never forget New Year's down the shore
Well this makes two Valentine's we've spent together

And this is what it's all about:
You're my closest friend
I don't want it to ever end
You're a part of me that I can't do without
So all right, you probably expected it
Another year, another stupid rhyme
Too bad you won't be here
At least one more school year
How gauche: you're graduating on time
But please know I don't hold it against you
Deep down I'm really so proud
With your brains and hot glasses
You've aced all your classes

To me you're **Summagna** Cum Laude
To end, allow me one sports analogy:
In golf you'd be a double bogie.
You're so far above par
I love you just the way you are
To Beth, my little turkey hoagie
Happy Valentine's Day,
Evan.

To "Tex":
Roses are red
And so is your teddy
I'm on my way home
So I hope you are ready.
Hun.

To Eric: I love you and miss you with all of my heart. Hope to see you in Florida. Happy Valentine's Day. Love, Stacey.

To Jim:
I miss our pine tree hugs. Love, Sue.

Stu-pid:
I'm your density!
TB
I love you now, forever, and always- Happy Valentine's Day, mi amor.
Kris B.

To Joseph: I love you even though I've gained 30 pounds in the past 8 months. Will you still be my Valentine? I'm yours. XOX. Love, Jane Deborah.

To Larg, Lynn, and Suzy Q: hope all comes true in your love lives. Think romantic thoughts anyway. Happy Valentine's Day. Love always, the Cooker.

To Laura D:
Let's merge our assets!
Love, the Beav.

To Suzanne: -- the love of my life and forever my valentine, love Serge.

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"You don't know that. Look at this as Fate, it wasn't meant to be. What would you have done, marry her? Get real, you're not ready for that."

Just then Ashton walks up. "Tim, I heard what happened, I'm really sorry. I feel like it's all my fault."

"How could it be your fault? Don't even think of it? Oh Pete, this is Ashton, Ashton, Pete. Can I buy you a drink?"

The three spend the evening drinking and talking.

The next morning, when Tim is supposed to be picking up Cathy at the hospital, he is instead waking up next to Ashton. It takes a few minutes to realize what probably happened. He then looks at her and asks, "Did I enjoy it?"

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"I don't know but I want to get out of here. Will you walk me home, Dave?"

"Of course, your chariot awaits," he replies happily.

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Sports

Wrestlers up record to 11-4

The GW wrestling team overwhelmed host Gallaudet University 41-18 last night to continue its domination over area foes.

The Colonials have already defeated local rivals American University once and Howard University twice. The win over Gallaudet raised GW's season mark to 11-4.

GW freshman Karl Tamai began the onslaught with a win by a technical fall. Sophomore Eric Ritari, wrestling at 126 pounds, dominated his Bison opposite from match's start to its 17-4 finish.

Senior Mike Nero (134 pounds) stopped the GW momentum only temporarily as he was pinned in the first period.

But Joe Mannix, at 150 pounds, answered with a win by technical fall. Mannix is 27-2-1 this season.

Sean Huyer temporarily halted the Colonial's momentum as he was pinned by his 158-pound opponent.

GW's Todd Evans (167 pounds) did not have to work too hard for his victory. He won by forfeit, as did teammate Chris Peterson in the 177-pound weight class.

Jim Reffelt, GW's 190-pound grappler, was another technical fall winner.

The Colonials hope the winning momentum will carry to its next match at Penn State University in a tri-meet with Harvard University on Saturday.

-Doug Most

Blake spoils Colonials' 3rd place bid

by Doug Most
Sports Editor

There was no last-minute miracle for the GW men's basketball team Monday night at the Smith Center as the Colonials' late rally fell short in an 84-76 loss to St. Joseph's in the battle for sole possession of third place in the Atlantic 10 Conference.

The Hawks' Rodney Blake led all scorers with a career-high 32 points, including 14-for-14 from the free-throw line. The Colonials, now 6-6 in conference and 9-12 overall, led, 36-32, at the half, despite trailing early, but Blake, the Hawks' 6-foot-8 junior center, made three three-point plays in the opening minutes of the second half, and St. Joe's never looked back.

After falling behind 15-7 with 15:38 to play in the first half, the Colonials outscored the Hawks, 24-3, to take a 31-18 lead with five minutes left in the period. Freshman guard Ellis McKennie's entrance into the game keyed this run as he scored on a tip-in off the offensive board and made several key steals. McKennie also went 5-6 from the free-throw line in the first half.

"Ellis was excellent defensively," GW Head Coach John Kuester said. "He is really starting to gain a lot of confidence, and it is showing in his play."

The first half turned out to be disappointing for GW, however. Despite the 24-3 run, the team led by just four points at the period's end, due to a Hawks' 13-5 run in the last five minutes. St. Joseph's came back, due largely to the inside play of Blake and sophomore forward Tarone Thornton.

Kuester was not pleased with the way Blake was able to make room for himself in the middle and not get any fouls called

against him. "We worked very hard on him, but when a guy goes 14-14 from the line, what can you do?" Kuester said. "I thought that he should have been out at the half anyway."

Early in the second half, it was all downhill for GW. Thornton opened the second-half scoring with a dunk for the Hawks. Blake then went on his tear and gave St. Joseph's the lead it would never relinquish.

With the score 59-50, Blake picked up his fourth foul after scoring his 32nd point and was benched amid jeering from the crowd. After returning several minutes later, he fouled out going over the back of GW's Manny Atlas for a rebound with 5:10 to play. After an exchange of baskets, Nate Williams finished an alley-oop with a reverse dunk, and Brian Butler hit a three-pointer to bring GW within six, 73-67. Just when it looked as though a comeback was in the making, the Hawks began hitting their foul shots to keep the game out of the Colonials' reach.

"It is always very tough to win on the road," Hawks Head Coach Jim Boyle said. "I am happy about the outcome. We showed a lot of character."

On Blake, Boyle has seen it all before. "He always plays like that. He's super."

Kuester knew exactly what his team did wrong. "The turnovers hurt. You cannot do that to be competitive in this league," he said. "It was a disappointing loss."

The GW cagers will look to get back on the winning track and regain a share of third place in the conference when they travel to West Virginia tonight to face the Mountaineers in an 8 p.m. start before traveling to Duquesne for a Saturday night contest.



photo by Fouad Sibini

GW's Gerald Jackson leaps for a jump shot in the waning minutes of an 84-76 loss to Atlantic 10 foe St. Joseph's Monday night. The loss dropped the Colonials out of a third place tie with the Hawks.

Brown: consummate GW student-athlete

by Rhea Farberman
Special to The GW Hatchet

Most of GW's mid-year graduates are probably preparing for this Sunday's winter commencement at parties with classmates and friends. But one graduate, Julie Brown, had more important things to do. The point guard of the Colonial Women's Basketball team will lead the GW offense this weekend as the squad vies for its best finish since the 1979-80 season.

Brown is a 1982 graduate of Robinson High School where she attracted the attention of more than 40 collegiate coaches. She narrowed her choices to those schools that offered her both strong athletic and academic programs before selecting Manhattan College. After deciding she would be happier playing closer to home, the Virginia product transferred to GW in the fall

of 1984. But due to National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations, Brown couldn't participate in varsity competition for one year. Since then Brown has had little time to sit as she immediately stepped in to fill GW's vacancy at the point guard position.

Last season Brown averaged 8.1 points per game and dished out a team-high 91 assists. This year she has proven herself to be one of the most important pieces of the GW puzzle for her ability to set a game's tempo.

"When Julie is running, GW runs. Our offense and our defense execute better," GW Head Coach Linda Makowski said.

Brown's play-making abilities have been instrumental in GW's 13-9 overall record. Her pinpoint shooting earned GW the championship title at the Sourdough (See BROWN, p. 21)

A-10 Championships begin today

Swimmers aim to better last season's 4th place finish

by Doug Most
Sports Editor

The GW men's swimming and diving team hosts the Atlantic 10 Conference Championships beginning today at noon at the Smith Center. The competition will run through Saturday evening.

This will be the last season the Atlantic 10 sponsors a swimming championship. The league directors decided last December to replace men's swimming with men's soccer as an Atlantic 10 championship sport.

The tournament favorite is Penn State University, winner of four consecutive Atlantic 10 Championships. West Virginia University, the second-place finisher by 6.5 points last year, is once again expected to give the Nittany Lions another strong battle for the league title. The Mountaineers have proved to be tough competition for the Lions in the teams' meetings this season.

GW finished in fourth last year, one point behind third-place Temple University. GW's lone returning league champion from last year is Bill Karasinski, who won the 100-yard breaststroke race in 1986.

GW Head Coach Carl Cox says the tournament

is "hard to predict. We have got the Easterns after this meet, and I really want the guys to swim well there. We would like to move up into an upper slot in the Easterns. A strong showing in the Easterns would really say something for our program here at GW. Even more so than our showing in the Atlantic 10 Championships."

"Our guys will get up for it," Cox said. "It's going to be a class meet. We'll see some great performances at the meet. There should really be some exciting races with which GW swimmers will be involved in."

GW will rely on seniors Karasinski, a co-captain, and Shane Hawes, sophomores David Kawut, Sean Garretson and Joe O'Rourke and junior co-captain Gerry O'Rourke. Sophomore diver Kamil Salah will be looked upon to continue an outstanding campaign from both the one- and three-meter diving competitions.

Several GW swimming and diving alumni have returned to the Smith Center pool to assist in preparation for the championships. "They have been great. One of them [an alumni] is even going to be the starter for the meet," Cox said.

Trials begin today at noon. The finals for those races will be held tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.